

**JULY 2007**

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A recent column in the Salt Lake Tribune and other articles appearing in various Utah papers have suggested the question of whether to create a new, smaller school district in southeast Salt Lake County is an east side vs. west side issue.

Characterizing the smaller school districts issue as an east-west battle is a petty distortion of an important matter that deserves serious consideration. If one truly looks at the reasons smaller school districts are needed, the matter runs much, much deeper than “east side vs. west side.” It is really about more effectively meeting the needs of local constituencies whether east, west, north, or south, through better governance.

Parents, teachers and lawmakers on both sides of Salt Lake valley, as well as other large counties in Utah, began looking at the possibility of forming smaller school districts several years ago because they deeply care about public education and sought a greater voice in their neighborhood schools. Those reasons for supporting smaller, community-based school districts continue today.

In fact, in the most recent Dan Jones poll conducted as part of the feasibility study for Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Midvale, Draper, Alta, and contiguous county areas, 56 percent of respondents said the Jordan District in general is -too big, and 89 percent want to vote on the creation of a new school district.

## EAST VS WEST IS NOT THE ISSUE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT CREATION

Seventy percent of residents said they are hoping a smaller school district will bring more local control, 66 percent are hoping for more communication with their district and 62 percent want to bring the school board closer to -constituents.

If the issue is east vs. west or an effort by the east to avoid paying for west side schools, then why did the east side of Jordan School District vote in 2003 to help carry the \$280 million bond to build 22 new schools mostly on the west side? Sixty-six percent of that bond (\$196 million) is just now being issued (partly at the urging of east side leaders) to ensure those bonds are not prohibited by a vote to create a new district. If it is really all about who pays for whose schools, then why are east side government leaders pushing for an equalization fund for school capital facilities or stressing the need for school impact fees in trying to help our neighbors to the west manage their growth?

No one wants to leave their fellow citizens to “fend for themselves.” We simply recognize that the number of students matters, and with 80,000 students, it has become clear that Jordan School District has grown too big. It could soon be one of the 20-largest school districts in the United States. Jordan may be among the best managed large school districts in the country, but it is still a mega-district with all the bureaucracy inherent in such organizations. Thomas Jefferson is credited with the axiom that government nearest the people governs best. According to Jefferson,

that principle applies even more acutely to school districts. He further stated, “...It is surely better, then, to place each school at once under the care of those most interested in its conduct” (Thomas Jefferson: Plan for Elementary Schools, 1817.ME 17:417).

The desire for more reasonably-sized school districts is by no means a matter of geographism. What it’s really about is: 1) The ability to achieve a greater voice in education, including more parental involvement, less disenfranchisement in the process, and better cooperation with civic organizations and governments; 2) A desire to gain the educational improvements intrinsic to smaller districts, including higher graduation rates, smaller achievement gaps, more money for classrooms, a focus on smaller schools, and possibly smaller class sizes; and 3) The ability to equitably address and properly prioritize unique and sometimes conflicting, needs of various school district constituencies, whether those needs be new schools to relieve overcrowding, remodeling and renovation, or special education programs.

With these benefits, who wouldn’t want a smaller district -- east or west?

*Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr.*  
Mayor

## NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING HELD

The statutory requirement for a public hearing regarding the possibility of placing the question of creating a new school district on the November ballot was met on Thursday, June 21, at the Brighton High School Auditorium. There were approximately 45 citizens in attendance. Following a brief presentation by Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., the public was given an opportunity to voice their opinions about whether a vote should be held. All but one of

the eight who addressed the council spoke in favor of having the public vote on whether Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Midvale, Draper, Alta, and contiguous county areas should form a new school district.

The opportunity for citizens to comment on this issue remains open until a decision is made by the council. Those interested in voicing their opinion are encouraged to do so by writing to the council at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #250,

Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047 or by email to: [bwarnick@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:bwarnick@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

Comments should be submitted by Friday, July 6, 2007 in order to be considered by the council at their July 10, 2007 council meeting. At that meeting the council will decide whether to recommend to the county that the question about the creation of a new school district should be on the November ballot.





**“FAMILY HISTORICAL CYCLE RIDE”  
TO KICK OFF BUTLERVILLE DAYS**

An educational and health promoting “Family Historical Cycle Ride” is slated to kick off the 2007 “Butlerville Days.” Staging for the ride will begin at 7:00 a.m. and wheels should start turning at 7:30 a.m. The ride will begin in the parking lot in front of Butler Middle school and proceed to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. A child-safe bicycle route is being planned by UFA Assistant Chief Mike Watson, event chairman, and Lieutenant Robbie Russo, Chief of Police Services, on which most everyone with wheels can participate.

The City Historical Committee, under the chairmanship of Kevin Cromar, has identified a number of items of historical interest that relate to the area around the Fort Union Blvd., / Wasatch Blvd. intersection. Members of that committee will be on-site to discuss those issues with the ride participants upon their arrival at the parking lot at the mouth of

the canyon. Bottled water will be provided by the city.

Pioneer personalities, mining exploits, and significant and interesting events that occurred near that location will be discussed. Today it is difficult to visualize Butlerville as rural and sparsely settled, sitting on the foothills; but at one time there were only a few cabins scattered among the Cottonwoods and along what is now Big Cottonwood Creek.

Participants in the cycle ride should enjoy a pleasant work out and learn some early history of what is now vibrant and beautiful Cottonwood Heights. An attractive collectors pin will be given to all participants.



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

Due to holidays and decision making deadlines, the Cottonwood Heights City Council is adjusting its meeting schedule for July. The revised schedule is as follows:

- July 03** No meeting due to holiday
- July 10** Business meeting to vote on placing New School District on November ballot
- July 17** Work meeting
- July 24** No meeting due to holiday – Butlerville Days
- July 31** Business meeting

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

*The following public works projects are scheduled for activity in July:*

1. Installation of sidewalk in front of Ridgecrest Elementary School
2. Removal of sidewalk trip hazards west of Highland Drive
3. Installation of festival and holiday banner poles on 2700 East and Bengal Blvd.



**DATES OF NOTE FOR FUTURE EVENTS**

With warm weather upon us, the dates for various outdoor events and other important happenings have been set. Grab your “Summer Activities Calendar” and highlight the following dates so you can plan vacations around them and not miss one exciting minute of a Cottonwood Heights’ summer *(additional information available at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov))*:

**JULY**

- 2nd to 16th** – Filing dates for those interested in running for the Cottonwood Heights City Council *(District’s 1 & 2)*.
- 4th** – The Nation’s Birthday – celebrate with your family
- 24th** – The State’s Birthday – Celebrate “Butlerville Days” at Butler Middle School *(See full page ad in this paper.)*

**AUGUST**

- 7th** – “Night Out Against Crime.” *(Organize the neighborhood, invite a deputy, and have a block party.)*
- 17th** – Opening night for Cottonwood Heights’ Hillside Cinema at Mountview Elementary School *(accessed from approximately 1595 East Fort Union Blvd)*. Enjoy a family movie under the stars. Bring your own blankets and pillows.

**AUGUST continued**

- 16th to 31st** – Clean-up containers available on every block in the city sometime during the dates indicated. *(Clean up the house and around the yard and let the city help you dispose of the junk.)*
- 26th** – UTA Bus Route changes become effective in Cottonwood Heights.
- TBA** – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Golden Hills Park *(Located next to fire station #116 on Wasatch Blvd.)*.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 11th** – Primary election for city council districts 1 and 2 *(if necessary)*.



# FISCAL 2008 CITY BUDGET APPROVED

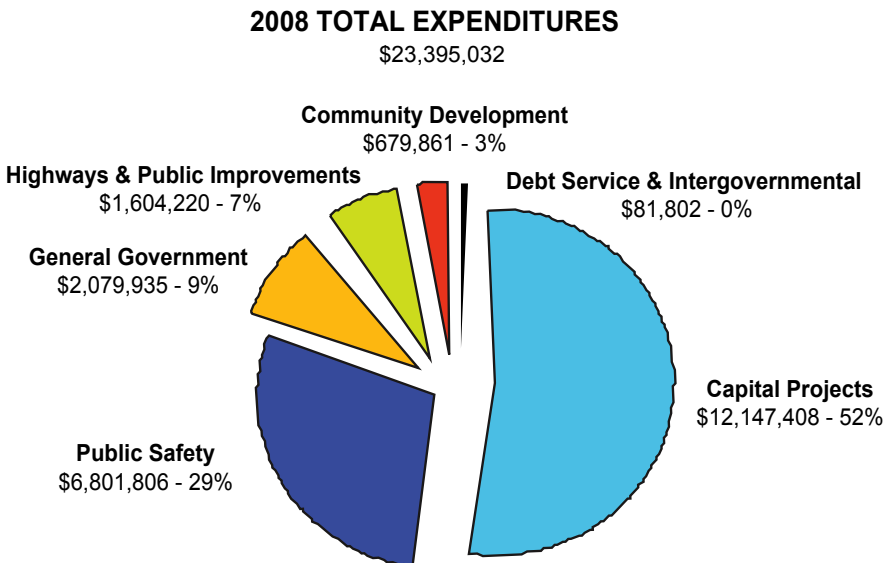
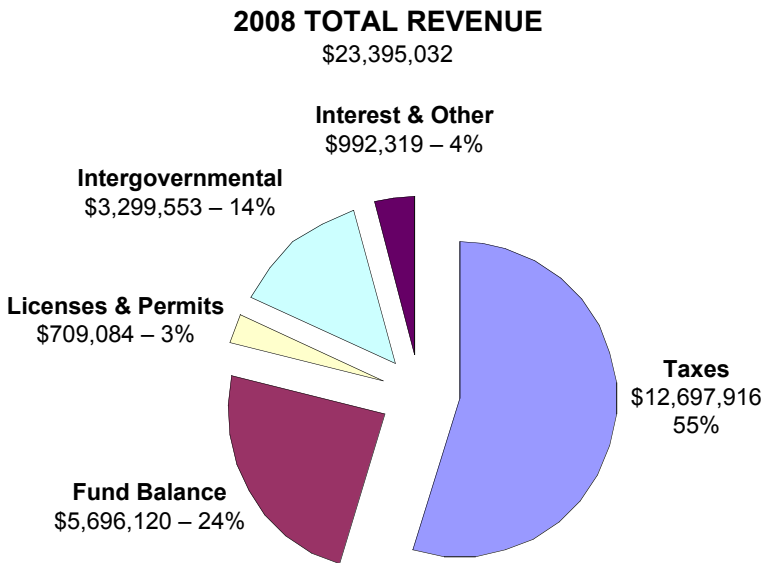
The following pie charts graphically portray both revenue and expenditures for the 2008 fiscal year:

After many months of goal setting, planning, and decision making by elected officials and staff, the Cottonwood Heights’ 2007-2008 Annual City Budget has been approved to be effective July 1, 2007. The council voted unanimously to approve the \$23.4 million budget at a special council meeting on Tuesday, June 19 (a copy of the budget and supplementary material is available at [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov)).

The city budgeting process is specified by state statute and requires that the final document reflect a balance between revenue and expenditures. Through effective planning and managing of city funds by the mayor, council, and senior staff, there will be a transfer of \$4.3 million from the General Fund into the Capital Projects Fund during 2008. Those dollars, combined with transfers in fiscal 2006 and 2007 and the acquisition of grant funds, provide the city with a Capital Projects Budget of \$12.15 million for 2008. This budget provides funds for community improvements such as: open space and trail development, pavement and storm drain improvement, development of a dog park and the old mill pond, and beginning construction of a new police station.

The General Fund Expenditures of \$11.2 million provide dollars to run the city on a day-to-day basis. Public Safety, which includes both police and fire, is the largest single line item in this budget. Also included are costs for city personnel, city council, court services, community development, and routine public works costs.

In his budget message to the council, City Treasurer Gary Harmer explained that, “The city goals set the priorities that guide the allocations of resources in this budget and all of the goals that are to be accomplished in 2008 are facilitated by this budget.”



## RFPs AND CONSULTING CONTRACTS ISSUED BY CITY

City Councils face many challenges, one of which is the need for expertise beyond their collective knowledge of their cities and their several professions. Communication technology, architecture, public safety, and the technicalities of land use planning are four areas of concern for the Cottonwood Heights’ City Council so it has chosen to resolve this problem by retaining consultants, knowledgeable in the specific areas of need, to conduct studies and provide choices for the council to consider.

In an effort to be better informed, Cottonwood Heights’ City Council recently issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for consultants to study four major projects being considered by the city. As a result of these RFPs, one study is nearing completion, consultants have been selected and contracts are being prepared for two others, and an additional RFP will soon be released.

**UTOPIA -**

At the July 17 work meeting a feasibility study dealing with the

Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) will be presented to the council. UTOPIA is a public/private fiber-optic network that many cities are now providing their citizens through community inter-local agreements. Cities such as Orem, Murray, Midvale, Riverton, and ten others are currently having the fiber-optic cable installed and both providers and residents are signing up for internet, television, telephone, home security, etc., all of which can be transmitted through fiber-optic cable hundreds of times faster than current cable, copper, or satellite systems. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the council meeting or watch for future Journal articles and the city website for announcements of information meetings and/or public hearings dealing with this issue.

**Self-providing Law Enforcement -**

Because of concerns with implementation of the current police services contract with the Salt Lake County Sheriff, a RFP requesting a feasibility study regarding whether the city should self-provide law enforcement

services was issued in May. Proposals have been received and evaluated and a contract has been approved with Bonneville Research. This consulting firm will study the question of self-provided law enforcement and meet with the council in early September to discuss their findings. The public will then have an opportunity to provide input at a public hearing to be held in September.

**Parks, Trails, And Open-Space -**

A contract with GSBS, a land planning architectural firm, to assess the availability and adequacy of parks, trails, open space, and recreational facilities in the community is also being prepared. Of particular interest are development of the former Mountview Elementary School property, additional amenities to the City Center plan, and additions to and/or replacement of recreation facilities in the Little Cottonwood Creek/Crestwood Park area. This study will include a comprehensive look at open space and trail systems throughout the city. Focus groups will be formed to provide input.

**City Center And Law Enforcement Buildings -**

The fourth RFP is for an architectural firm to look at preliminary plans for a Cottonwood Heights’ City Center with a suggested location on Bengal Blvd., near the former Cottonwood Heights’ Elementary School. Initial planning and drawings have been prepared by City Planning Director, Michael Black. His proposals will be reviewed and recommendations will be provided to the city council by year’s end. Upon adoption of a City Center Master Plan, the consultant will proceed to prepare drawings for a law enforcement services building. City police personnel will hopefully be relocated by the end of 2008, from the outdated fire station where they have been for many years, to a more dignified and modern base of operations.





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**Butlerville Days**  
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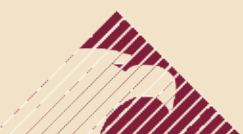
**Cottonwood Heights is pleased to  
present its third annual  
Butlerville Days.**

**When: Tuesday, July 24th, 4 - 10pm**  
**Where: Butler Park, 7500 S. 2700 E.,  
Behind Cottonwood Heights Rec Center.**

## Events for the Entire Family

- 7 am** Assembly for "Family Historical Cycle Ride" at Cottonwood Heights Rec Center.
- 7:30 am** Cycle Ride begins with riders routed to points of historical interest in "Old Butlerville." Ride concludes at Rec Center by 9 am.
- 3 pm** Staging begins for the third annual Butlerville Days Parade. Park behind Butler Elementary. Parade entries line up at church parking lot, 2700 E. Fort Union Blvd.
- 3:30 pm** Parade staging for children with decorated bikes and wagons. Gather at the shade tree in front of church, 2700 E. Fort Union.
- 4 pm** Parade begins. 40+ entries. New Cottonwood Heights float: "Courage to Reach New Heights", Jazz limo, Shriners cars, 23rd Army Band, Sheriff's motorcade, music and more. Parade route Ft. Union south on 2700 E. ending at Guthrie Skate Park on Bengal Blvd. Parents meet your children at pick-up tent at the park.
- 4 pm** Ticket sales begin for rides and games at Butler Park.
- 4 pm** Two climbing walls and shaved ice are open at Guthrie Skate Park.
- 4 pm** Food booths are open. FREE WATERMELON!
- 4-9 pm** City Historical Display opens – stop by the pavilion to see the wonderful photo collection.
- 4-9 pm** Auto Exhibition – Hosted by Rockin' Hotrod Productions.
- 4:30 pm** Inflatable rides and games, two dunk tanks, putting green!
- 4:30 pm** Entertainment begins, Main Stage, Butler Park. New shows every half hour! Check the city Web site for a detailed schedule.
- 5-9 pm** Test your strategy with chess or checkers at the Butler Park pavilion.
- 5-9 pm** Face-painting.
- 5 pm** Welcome and Parade Awards Ceremony on the Main Stage, Butler Park.
- 5 pm** Milosport skateboard exhibition. Guthrie Skate Park.
- 5-8 pm** Old fashioned games. FREE! Sack races, tug-of-war, three-legged race, balloon toss & Simon Says.
- 5-8:30 pm** Balloon artists.
- 7-8 pm** Teen Bands – LIVE MUSIC, Guthrie Skate Park.
- 8-9:30 pm** Dance for Teens (ages 14-18), Guthrie Skate Park.
- 7 pm** Pie-Eating contest until pies run out. Sign up early at the ticket booth!
- 9:30 pm** Patriotic Event, Main Stage, Butler Park.

**FIREWORKS at DUSK!!!**



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